COCHIN STATE LABOUR FORCES

447. Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when the recruitment to the Cochin State Labour Forces was started,

(*b*) the total number of labourers recruited from the start till the discontinuance of the recruitment;

(*c*) the number, if any, of subjects of Br. India and Travancore State who have served in the Units;

(d) the number of labourers who have died or have been disabled during service,

(*e*) the total amount of compensation paid to the relatives of the dead and to the disabled labourers; and

(*f*) the total expenses incurred by the Government of Cochin in this form of its war effort?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government)*:

(a) The recruitment commenced in April 1942.

(*b*) Ninety-two thousand and five hundred labourers (in round figures) were recruited into the Cochin Labour Forces.

(*c*) A very small percentage of the labourers belonged to Malabar District or Travancore.

(d) There were 609 deaths among the labourers and 242 disability cases.

(*e*) Rs. 4,60,704 as on 10th January 1946.

(*f*) Nil. All the expenses were met by the Government of India.

NEW KURIES—STARTING OF

448. Mr. C. S. Panicker *(Adur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many application for the starting of new Kuries have been received;

(*i*) from limited companies.

(*ii*) from institutions and

(*iii*) from individuals after the commencement of the Kuri Restriction Act XII of 1120;

(*b*) what is the total sala or face value under each head;

(*c*) how many application were sanctioned and how many rejected;

(d) how many applications were there offering 75% of in sala as security for starting new Kuries;

(*e*) how many of these were given sanction and how many rejected;

(*f*) the reason for not sanctioning the kuries when 75% of the face value is offered as security;

(*g*) state in tabular form the name of the companies, institutions and individuals to whom kuries have been sanctioned as well as those to whom sanction was rejected with the total sala in each case?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) (*i*) 37
(*ii*) 12 and
(*iii*) 5

		Rs.	*A.*	*P.*
(*b*) Limited Companies	..	2,65,185	0	0
Institutions	..	62,685	0	0
Individuals	..	11,593	8	0

(*c*) Applications sanctioned 38
Do. rejected 8

(*d*) 1

(*e*) 1 (sanctioned).

(*f*) Does not arise.

(*g*) The information called for is appended *(Please see Appendix II)*.

LOCATION OF ARRACK AND TODDY SHOPS

449. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is there a rule that arrack shops and toddy shops should be located at a specified distance from the main road; if so what is the distance;

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(*b*) do all the present shops conform to this rule; if not how many of them do not conform?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) There is no such absolute rule. But there is a condition in the sale notification that toddy shops should, as far as practicable, be located at a distance of 40 yds. from public roads.

(*b*) (1) No.

(2) 179 toddy shops.

PUBLIC OFFICES—NEMMARA

450. Mr. K. Natarajan Chettiar *(Nemmara):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) Is there any proposal to utilise the existing female ward building of the Nemmara Hospital for holding Public Offices and for constructing new buildings for the Female Ward?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No. There is no such proposal at present.

LEASE—ENKAKAD VILLAGE

451 Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether survey number 8/4 of Enkakad village had not been leased to a Muslim under the Food Production lease;

(*b*) whether he had not converted the land now into a three crop land;

(*c*) whether the lessee had not applied for having it assigned to him;

(*d*) whether the prayer in (c) had been granted, if not, why not;

(*e*) whether the same has been either assigned or ordered to be assigned to Mr. R. G. Krishna Ayyar, Superintendent, Land Records or any of his relatives?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No. Because he has no legitimate claim for it.

(*e*) It has been ordered that Mr. Krishna Ayyar has the right to get the property when it is leased or assigned, he being the proper claimant for the same.

MANU SUBEDAR COMMITTEE

452. Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have taken any steps in furtherance of the recommendation of the Manu Subedar Committee in para 85 of their report;

(*b*) what are the various articles which come under the general head "minor products" as referred to in the report;

(*c*) what are the approximate quantities respectively in which these are available in the State forests;

(*d*) what are the uses to which they are now being put to and what are the further possibilities of their utilisation in a commercial way ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):*

(*a*) Yes. A detailed preliminary survey of minor forest produce in the Kodasseri Range has been conducted and a further survey will be conducted for the whole of the State Forests when working plans survey and enumeration of growing stock are undertaken. Proposals for these are already under consideration of Government as a post-war development scheme.

(*b*) All forest produce except timber and firewood come under minor forest produce.

(*c*) The quantities can be ascertained only after the working plans survey and enumeration of growing stock referred to in (*a*) above are undertaken.

(*d*) They are put to a variety of uses which cannot conveniently be enumerated in an answer to a question in the Legislative Council.

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